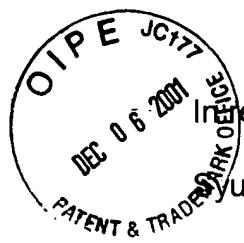


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Yuji TSUKAMOTO

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

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December 6, 2001

Sir:

In the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated November 1, 2001, (copy attached), an objection to the Declaration on the basis that the Declaration is unsigned was made. It is respectfully submitted that the Declaration is in fact signed by the inventor and thus the requirement for a new Oath or Declaration should be withdrawn.

Attached is a copy of the Declaration as filed in which the inventor's signature on page 3 of 3 has been highlighted. Although the inventor's signature is in non-English characters, the use of non-English characters is permitted as set forth in MPEP 605.04(a).

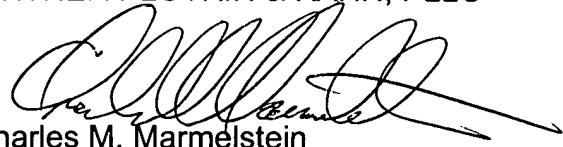
Since the originally filed Declaration is proper and does include the applicant's signature, it is submitted that the fee of \$130 is not required.

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In the event that any fees are due with respect to this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing our docket number of 107292-00027.

Respectfully submitted,

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

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